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CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for booting an application program running over an operating system on a computer, wherein the application program and operating system support a plurality of editing languages, the method comprising the steps of:

booting the application program;
determining whether it is the first boot of the application program module, and, if so, then setting a plurality of default language settings of the application program to be equal to a user interface language of the operating system.

10 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of default language settings comprise a user interface language of the application program.

#15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of default language settings comprise a help language of the application program.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of default language settings comprise a Web locale language of the application program.

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of default language settings comprise an install language of the application program.

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6. The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of default language settings comprise an install language of the application program, a Web locale language of the application program, a help language of the application program and a user interface language of the application program.

7. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of enabling an input locale as an editing language for the application program.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of enabling an operating system script as an editing language for the application program.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of enabling a language of an installed keyboard as an editing language.

10. The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of enabling a language of an IME as an editing language.

11. The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of enabling a language of an AIME as an editing language.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the steps of:
while the application program is running, determining whether a language is applied within the application program and, if so, then enabling the determined language as an editing language.

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13. A method for booting an application program running over an operating system on a computer, wherein the application program and operating system support a plurality of editing languages, the method comprising the steps of:

booting the application program;

5 determining whether it is the first boot of the application program module, and, if so, then setting a plurality of default language settings of the application program to be equal to a default system locale of the operating system.

enabling at least one editing language for a plurality of keyboards, IMEs and AIMEs installed on the computer;

10 enabling at least one editing language for an input locale of the operating system; and

enabling at least one editing language for an operating system script.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the input locale comprises software that allows text to be input.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the input locale is a keyboard layout.

16. The method of claim 13 wherein the operating system script comprises a set 20 of files that enable support in the operating system for that language.

17. The method of claim 13 further comprising the steps of:

determining whether a language has been applied within the application program and, if so, then enabling an editing language associated with the applied 25 language.

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18. The method of claim 17 wherein the step of determining whether a language has been applied within the application program comprises determining whether a language associated with an insertion point within the application program is a language that has not been enabled.

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19. The method of claim 13 wherein the steps of enabling are performed by adjusting the value of a plurality of registry keys associated with the plurality of editing languages.

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20. A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions for performing the steps of claim 13.

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21. A method for enabling a plurality of languages in an application program module running in association with an operating system, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a user interface language of the operating system;

determining a user interface language of the application program module; and if the user interface language of the operating system and the user interface language of the application program module do not match, then setting the user interface language of the application program module to the user interface language of the operating system.

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22. The method of claim 21 further comprising the step of setting a Web locale language of the application program module to the user interface language of the operating system.

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23. The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of setting a help language of the application program module to the user interface language of the operating system.

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24. The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of setting an install language of the application program module to the user interface language of the operating system.

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25. The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of determining whether a language is applied within the application program module and, if so, then enabling the applied language for editing.